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1. EMBASSY NOTES FROM REF CM THAT UPCOMING ISSUE POC SCHEDULED CONTAIN ARTICLES BY BERTSCH ON "REVIVAL OF NATIONALISMS" AND HOFFMAN ON "MIGRATIONAL SOCIAL CHANGE". SUBJECT WAS RAISED DURING VISIT HERE BY POC EDITOR PAUL SMITH BUT WITH NO DETAILED DISCUSSION OF SUBSTANCE OF ARTICLES, NOR HAS EMBASSY SEEN ANY DESCRIPTION SINCE THAT TIME. IT WAS OUR CLEAR UNDERSTANDING FOLLOWING AMBASSADOR'S DISCUSSIONS WITH SMITH THAT EMBASSY WOULD HAVE OPPORTUNITY REVIEW TEXT PRIOR TO PUBLICATION.

2. AS REFTEL AND PREVIOUS INDICATE YUGOSLAV MEDIA CURRENTLY INSINUATING THAT USG AND OFFICIAL MEDIA ARE BEHIND "CAMPAIGN OF RUMORS" AND "PSYCHOLOGICAL WARFARE" DIRECTED AGAINST YUGOSLAVIA IN US PRESS. EVEN WITH POC CUSTOMARY DISCLAIMER APPEARS VERY LIKELY GOY AND MEDIA WOULD INTERPRET ARTICLES AS REFLECTION USG THINKING AND CITE ANY CONTENTIOUS PORTIONS AS EVIDENCE USG ITSELF IS DIRECTING HOSTILE CAMPAIGN. WE HOPE THAT THIS ISSUE WILL

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